

**RESOLUTION NO. 676**

**WHEREAS**, Washington State Senator Bob Oke has been a long-time resident of Port Orchard, Washington and has served his community and the 26<sup>th</sup> legislative district as a member of the Senate since 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Oke has made extraordinary contributions to transportation in this state that have resulted in the unparalleled betterment of both the constituents he serves in his district and the citizens of this entire state, noting the instrumental role he played in the successful outcome of the Burley-Olalla overpass project; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Oke has consistently shown an objective, public interest view on controversial transportation issues and projects, such as the Tacoma Narrows Bridge project, and has done so with the dignity, respect, and fortitude necessary to successfully move forward despite facing strong opposition within both the Legislature and his own constituency; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Oke has supported the Transportation Commission with his advice and guidance, and by supporting legislation aimed at strengthening the Commission's role in assuring accountability and public involvement in the formulation of key transportation policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Oke has personified the meaning of courage in the face of adversity, uncertainty, and risk, and has set the standard for true leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Oke has made historic contributions to furthering our state's policies on transportation, natural resources, health, and recreation, successfully working to identify solutions for the state's passenger only ferry service, ending the free distribution of tobacco products, and establishing long-term access solutions for the state's disabled community; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Oke is retiring from the Legislature, and his vision, courage, and leadership in transportation will be sorely missed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes and appreciates the outstanding contributions of Bob Oke to the state of Washington and its transportation system, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2006.

**WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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**Assistant Attorney General**